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1. A German PW, released 20 December 1947 from a camp in Volhynia (49°50'N, 35°35'E), SW of Kiev, states that the camp held 6,000 other PW's at that time. In mid-November, 1947, German PW officers took a poll of the camp to determine which of their fellow inmates would be willing to take part in action against rebellious factions of Soviet troops. An officer named Gerlinger of the "Befehlsstelle West" promised that volunteers would be released immediately after such action. It was explained that the Soviet Army was not in a position - because of the wide disposition of its troops - to combat the rebellion properly, especially since local populations had sided with the rebels. Mountain troops were particularly desired and it was hinted that those organized in units might be retained in Soviet service. There were few volunteers. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

Comment: "Befehlsstelle West" seems to be an echo of the as yet unexplained "Kommandostelle West" referred to in three or four previous reports which covered the period March-July 1947. The rebellious factions may be the "several divisions of the Ukrainian People's Army" described by another PW as having been on the warpath during November and December 1947. 50X1-HUM

2. Released in January 1948 from camp 0/290/0 at Rinyam, Soviet parachutists were being trained by German officers at an airfield near the camp. Lieutenant Weber, who has been in charge of such training since late 1946, officiated. Since mid-1947, the training has been under the jurisdiction of the "Zentralstelle der Freiheitsarmee" in Moscow. Directions and orders are stamped with this unit designation and signed illegibly. Style and contents of the orders suggested that they had been composed by Germans 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

Comment: Here is a third variation: Kommandostelle West, Befehlsstelle West, and now Zentralstelle der Freiheitsarmee. It remains to be seen (a) whether there actually is a German military section devoted to control of German PW's; (b) whether this infor-

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tion is deliberately planted by a chosen few returnees; or (c) whether the Russians have effected printed deceptions calculated to turn ignorant PW's into unwitting propaganda agents on their return to the West. Lieutenant Weber here makes his first appearance since 1946. The Binyam camp is near Orsk. Weber was recruited from among 8,000 German SS and airborne PW's and, with four other men, began jump training of Soviet troops in September 1946.

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